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First Night/Alcohol-free party offers something for all

Pick your pleasure. First Night St. Louis promises something for everyone. More than 200 artists from across the creative spectrum will ring in the new year with a dazzling array of music, dance, comedy, theater, art, children's activities and much, much more.

Everyone is invited to join the community-wide alcohol-free New Year's Eve party in venues throughout downtown St. Louis. The Cervantes Convention Center at America's Center will serve as "Party Central." Come on out and celebrate the new year with the arts.

First Night St. Louis runs 6 p.m. to midnight. A \$5 button serves as admission to all the indoor activities. Buttons are available at First Night venues.

The full list of activities and venues follows:

ZANIES!

Your hosts for the evening! They are actors, yarn spinners, jugglers, fire eaters, performance artists—if you throw a New Year's Eve party these are the first people you want to invite, so we did it for you.

Tim Angler: The clown follow him around like the Pied Piper. Tim has an oversized imagination. Be careful if he takes the fancy to you—you might find yourself in the act.

The Bubble People: Lyra loozers, they hang—well, to tell the truth, they kind of "float" and "roll" around.

Harvey the Juggler: Rubber chickens, beer pears, rings on fire, with Harvey everything's up in the air. EVERYTHING!

Joe the Juggler: What do feathers and bowling balls have in common? Nothing but Joe. But then Joe has nothing in common with either.

Dale Jones: The only one-handed comedy juggler in show business. He juggles with his teeth and ingenuity, and his sense of humor is an act unto itself.

Alan Knoll: The evangelistic barber for Guit-O-Rama returns. Alan claims he could make the Guit-O-Rama feel so good that his hair would blossom into hyacinths.

Polera The Snow Queen: Actually it's Sandra La Rouché, Her Royal Highness, who offers blessings, grants wishes, surprises with frank innocence and administers magic for the New Year. She forces spreading magic snow. You'll be amazed, astonished and speechless.

Larry Levin: The Wizard of First Night performs freestyle magic with a New Year theme, including escaping the chains of the past, bravely entering the new year and creating the magic for wealth and community.

Robbleigh Majors: He portrays Father Time for First Night again this year. Talk about getting old! He actually likes it. A freestyle clownline inspired from Oklahoma, he rings in the '90s as a St. Louis resident.

Marcos The Fire Eater: Juggling and fire eating—stand back! Fire extinguishers at all locations.

Bert Minkin & Glen "Papa" Wright: The dynamic duo returns. All stories should be maddening, don't you think? Bert and Papa prove it.

Palmer Mal: The Gateway Organ Grinder cranks out American, international, children's, and seasonal music on a vintage portable street organ. Also see Bobo—the miniature multi-lingual stuffed bear—perform a high wire unicycle act.

CHILDREN'S THEATER AND MUSIC

The Black Repertory Theatre of St. Louis: The Black Rep's touring company performs Sala Chidenella. It's the classic fairy tale—but set in Africa.

Fun Stage, Washington Complex, America's Center, 6 to 6:45 p.m.

Metro Theater Company: Members of Metro Theater presents "Shift." The delightful wordless musical—told with squeaks, squawks, hoots, whistles and beeps—is an adventure into a world where the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

Washington Complex, America's Center, 8:15 to 9 p.m.

Many 1st Stages: The children's theatre company presents "Harris and the Tortoise and the Hare." Written by Pamela Sterling with lyrics by Christopher Miller, the story centers around the adventures of an imaginative 3rd grader.

Washington Complex, America's Center, 10:15 to 11 p.m.

Bobby Norfolk: The local storyteller delights audience of all ages with his lively animation, special sound effects and dramatic body movement.

Washington Complex, America's Center, 8:15 to 9:45 p.m.

Daniel Romano: Storyteller Romano brings to life Native American, African American and European folk tales. The Rainbow Repertory Company presents the participatory story-telling event for children three to eleven years old.

Washington Complex, America's Center, 7:15 to 7:45 p.m. 2

RRagmuffins: The entertaining young reggae musicians cap-



Members of the St. Louis University High School Short Attention Span Circus are, clockwise from the top, Ryan Gross, Paul Pogore, Greg Elling, Mike Eckelkamp, Joe Laramie, Jeff Loyd, Matt Winkler and Brian Williams.

are the "Island Fair" of Jamaica and the Caribbean. "Yo most!" Between America's Center, 6 to 6:45 p.m.

WAS IS WILLIE'S CHILDREN'S ART STUDIO & WORKSHOP: Exhibit Hall 1, America's Center. Activities will take place all evening.

Banana Elvis Brigade: New creations on two wheels, pedaling dolphins, and rolling mammals make up some of the works in the exhibit.

Bottle Art Bus Project: Children and adults can leave their creative mark when they help paint First Night's Art Bus.

Everyday Circus: Balloon blowing, moon bounce, and stiltwalking are among the antics of this local favorite.

Mask making with Jane Janssen: Create a new tribal image with a little help from Jane and her friends!

Portfolio Galleries and Educational Center: Face painting with members of the visual arts organization.

Harlequin puppets: Make charming finger puppets with art staff from the St. Louis City Public Schools.

Short Attention Span Circus: The talented circus performers from St. Louis University High School tumble, juggle and generally get into mischief!

Taproots School: Educators from the innovative school of fine arts teach children the art of hand bookbinding.

The St. Louis Aquarium and Museum and Magic House: Walk through the huge anatomically correct whale sculpture crafted by sculptor Bob Cassidy. Get a preview of the largest shark tank in the Midwest. Climb through tree trunks, tunnels and

Windows on Washington in the Loft District, 15th & Washington, 7 to 11 p.m. At the Gaslight Square Shuttle Stop.

DANCE

ATREX Contemporary Dance: A modern dance company that dazzles and delights.

The Lecture Hall in the America's Center, 10:15 to 11 p.m.

MADDO (Mid-America Dance Company): Excerpts from "The Madcracker." The modern dance troupe performs the popular, fanciful satire of the traditional holiday favorites.

The Lecture Hall in the America's Center, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Rueda De Sola: Capoeira Drawing on mystical legends of Brazil and West Africa, the dancers and drums create a joyous mood encompassing all to join in the celebration.

Routage of the America's Center, 8:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Marital Arts Ballet: The Rans Cheerleaders join the Midwest

Marital Arts Ballet. The dance includes selections from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and The National Anthem.

Lecture 1 Hall, America's Center, 6 to 6:30 p.m.

DANCING

Hall: The Ragamuffins (8-8:45 p.m.) and the Sambistas (11-11:45 p.m.) appear live for First Night visitors' dancing pleasure.

The rest is devoted to all kinds of dance music—from country line dancing to swing.

The America's Center

El Caribe Tropical: The hottest Latin dance band in town gets things cooking with spicy Latin/Caribbean dance music featuring salsa, merengue, cumbia and bolero. Dance lessons are available 8 to 9 p.m.

Windows on Washington—10th Floor, Gaslight Square Shuttle Stop, 8 to 11 p.m.

The Gateway Festival Orchestra of St. Louis: Make once again festive

it into the fabulous Gold Room. The Gateway Festival Orchestra will have dancers floating about the historic hall to dance classics of all eras, including Viennese Waltzes, polkas, 40s swing, Porter, Gershwin, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The Gold Room of The Jefferson Arms Apartment Hotel, Tucker Boulevard between Locust and Washington, 9:30 to

11:30 p.m. **Cookin' Monsters:** The seven-piece, St. Louis-based combo performs an American popular music sampler—everything from the Grateful Dead to classic Southern rock.

Center Stage, 8:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Elvis Presley: Groups and non-ficionados alike agree Steven Davis has been visited by the Elvis muse. His sold-out performances throughout the U.S. puts him at the top of the impersonator charts.

The Gold Room, Jefferson Arms Apartment Hotel, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Quarantea Tree Blen: One of the star bands from the Gaslight Square area.

Darkside in Gaslight Square, Loft District, 16th & Washington, 7 to 7:45 p.m.

Michael Shawheen: One of St. Louis' foremost jazz vocalists, Shawheen sings the classic and classy songs of Cole Porter and George and Ira Gershwin.

1st Floor, Windows on Washington, 15th & Washington, 7 to 7:45 p.m. and 8 to 8:45 p.m.

Shrinking Violets: Performing the hottest modern rock music, the Violets promise an energetic performance that will keep First Nighters on their toes.

Main Stage, America's Center, 7:15 to 8:15 p.m.

Singleton Palmer's Dileland Saz: The original members of the band present the Dileland sound at its best.

The Darkside, Gaslight Square, 16th & Washington, 10 to 10:45 p.m.

SUE Vocal Jazz Ensemble: Under the direction of John Korak, the jazz group sings a medley of favorites.

1st Floor, Windows on Washington, 15th & Washington, 9 to 9:45 p.m.

Special Blend: The rock band helps heat up the night.

Main Stage, America's Center, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Gary Sykes Quartet: Featuring Gary Sykes on drums and Phil Williams on piano, the quartet performs a musical retrospective of jazz from Scott Joplin to Miles Davis and beyond.

The Darkside, Gaslight Square, 16th & Washington, 10:15 to 11:30 p.m.

Tribe: Led by Charles Thompson, Missouri's Rock Mob on guitar, Gary Sykes on drums, John Norman on saxophone and Jim Giers on bass, present a musical tribute to Joe Chambers, one of Gaslight Square's most famous drummers.

Darkside, Gaslight Square, 16th & Washington, 10 to 10:45 p.m.

Jeanne Trevor & Jimmy Williams: Their careers began and flourished on Gaslight Square. Trevor creates a memory and a smile as she recaptures songs she made famous in The Crystal Palace. Jimmy Williams, the mainstay pianist at the "Palace," will tickle the ivories.

The Crystal Palace, Gaslight Square, 16th and Wash., 8 to 8:45 p.m.

Jeanne Trevor with Phil Williams: The Gaslight Square legends present something old, something new, something borrowed and the blues.

Windows on Washington, 1st floor International Arts Complex, 15th & Washington, 10 to 10:45 p.m.

Professor Mitch Wadley: Funk Professor Funk (Mitch Wadley) plays live music on bass guitar with Christine Zach on percussion. He sets the stage afire with pure funk.

The Food Court of St. Louis, Center, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and 10:15 to 10:45 p.m.

COMEDY TONIGHT!

Craig Hawkley: Arguably St. Louis' funniest and cleverest guy, Hawkley has designed an evening of comedy especially for First Night '96. Hawkley, along with Kate Nolan, Dean Christopher and Joe Dwyer celebrate what's funny in St. Louis, with material suitable for children.

The Crystal Palace, Gaslight Square in the Loft District, 7 to 7:45 p.m. Gaslight Square Shuttle Stop 1

Danger! Danger! Presented by Effort for AIDS, the play tells a story about women and AIDS. The monologues are adapted from actual experiences.

Poetry is a Center, St. Louis Center, 10 to 10:45 p.m.

Stories of Hope: A series of stories from women who have prevailed over extraordinary circumstances. The stories are presented by Let's Start, a support group for women in the process of rebuilding their lives after being in prison.

St. Louis Center, Poetry is a Center, 9 to 9:45 p.m.

VISUAL ARTISTS

Bob Cassidy: Architectural designer of the first and 10th floors of Windows on Washington and the St. Louis Aquarium and Museum (SLAM) will present works demonstrating his renown as artist and sculptor. His achievements include the University City Lion pediment and the great white shark and giant squid sculptures at the St. Louis Zoo.

St. Louis Aquarium and Museum, 1st floor International Arts Complex, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

JAZZ AND POPULAR MUSIC

Code Blue: An improvisational jazz group presents styles in top swing, blues, Latin and cool. The group is primarily composed of physicians (hence the Code Blue name) and PhDs from the Washington University Medical School.

Center Stage, 2nd floor of St. Louis Center, 9:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.



A clutch of clowns and various other wacky and wonderful characters will be featured at this year's First Night St. Louis.



Last year's wildly popular "Guit-O-Rama" will return to First Night bigger, better and with greater cleansing power.

it into the fabulous Gold Room. The Gateway Festival Orchestra will have dancers floating about the historic hall to dance classics of all eras, including Viennese Waltzes, polkas, 40s swing, Porter, Gershwin, and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

The Gold Room of The Jefferson Arms Apartment Hotel, Tucker Boulevard between Locust and Washington, 9:30 to

(See NIGHT, Page 9A)

Channel 24 telethon under way

More than 50 musicians and musical groups will help celebrate the new year on the annual KNLC-TV (Channel 24) telethon.

The viewer-supported station's annual fund-raiser began Saturday and runs through 5:30 p.m. Jan. 7.

Local groups appearing include Wilma and the Messengers, Slim and Zella Mae Cox, the Kirkwood Spiritualists, the Wilsons, Committed and the Abundant Life Ministry Choir. From Illinois are One Spirit Country Gospel, Haynes Miracle Temple Choir and Barbara Monigan.

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Madison pays cash for building

City pays \$117,000 in purchase of Lahey-Sedlak building

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Paying cash for its new city hall will save the city of Madison \$3,000 immediately and help taxpayers avoid the cost of financing the purchase of the Lahey-Sedlak Funeral Home building at 615 Madison Ave.

Mayor John Bellico said Friday morning he was going to Edwardsville later in the day to finalize the deal.

The cost of the building is \$117,000.

The city had originally agreed to purchase the building for \$120,000, but later negotiated a reduction if the building was paid for in cash by the end of the year.

The council originally approved purchase of the building in October for \$120,000, but voted to renegotiate the deal in late November after an inspection revealed some problems with the roof.

The council approved going ahead with the purchase at a special meeting Dec. 13.

City officials plan to move both the city hall and police station.

The total cost of the move is expected to be between \$300,000-400,000.

City officials have been considering the move since late summer when problems developed in trying to make the present city hall at 1529 Third St. comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

Part of the cost of renovations — work required to comply with the ADA — will be paid with a \$107,000 grant from Madison County Community Development.

The grant was originally to be used to install an elevator at the present city hall. The elevator would have made the second floor council chambers and offices accessible.

However, there were problems with tying the elevator into the existing building, and the cost was more than expected.

Bellico said the city was able to pay cash in part because of the recent settlement of annexation lawsuits.

That settlement with St. Clair County resulted in the city receiving more than \$300,000 that had been put into an escrow account.

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Skywarn training offers a general introduction to real time severe weather reporting. After the session, a trainee's observations of tornadoes, hail, wind and significant cloud formations will provide reliable information for severe weather detection and verification.

The session will be presented by Jim Krampert, a warning coordination meteorologist at the National Weather Service.

For more information, contact Mike Gilkerson at 566-7887 or John Fulton at 628-0361 or 632-7218.

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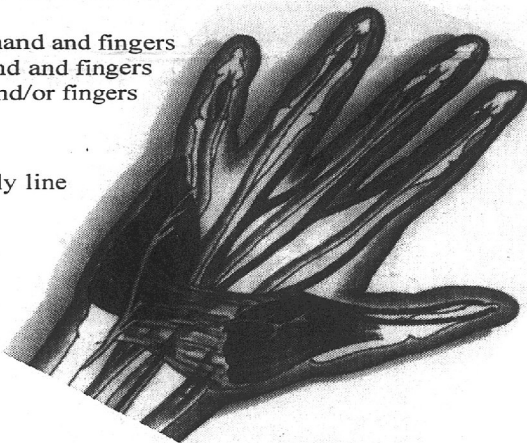
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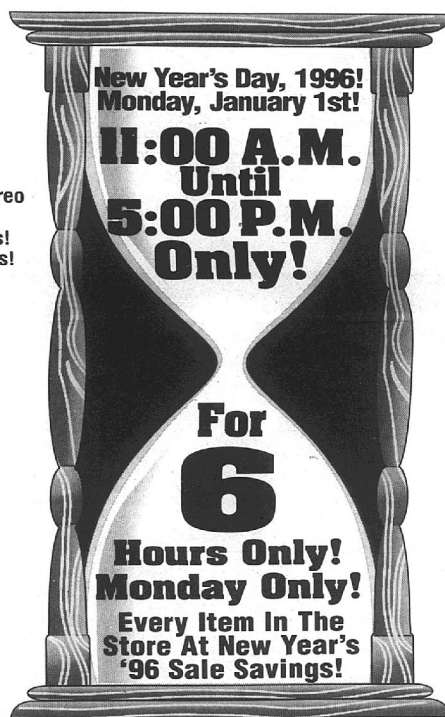
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Milestones

Jack and Betty Podner celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary Dec. 29.
Minnie Kamacho celebrates her 55th birthday today, Dec. 31.
Irene Rainwater celebrates her birthday today, Dec. 31.
Jessica Dawn Will will celebrate her 6th birthday Jan. 1.

Jim Reed will celebrate his 52nd birthday Jan. 1.
Katharine Nicole Anderson will celebrate her 2nd birthday Jan. 1.
Sarah Jessica McWhorter will celebrate her 11th birthday Jan. 2.
Rory and Denise Caldwell will celebrate their third wedding anniversary Jan. 2.

Rich and Naomi Siedhoff will celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary Jan. 2.
Agnes Gitchie Freeman will celebrate her 82nd birthday Jan. 2.
Catherine Kube will celebrate her birthday Jan. 2.
Charles "Mike" Foley will

celebrate his 47th birthday Jan. 3.
Libby Wilson will celebrate her 53rd birthday Jan. 3.
Dave Wise will celebrate his 42nd birthday Jan. 4.
Jerry Tatum will celebrate his 51st birthday Jan. 4.
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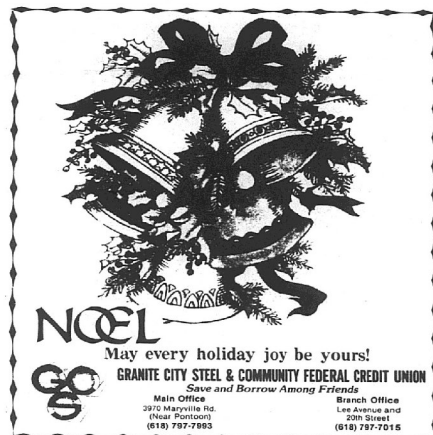


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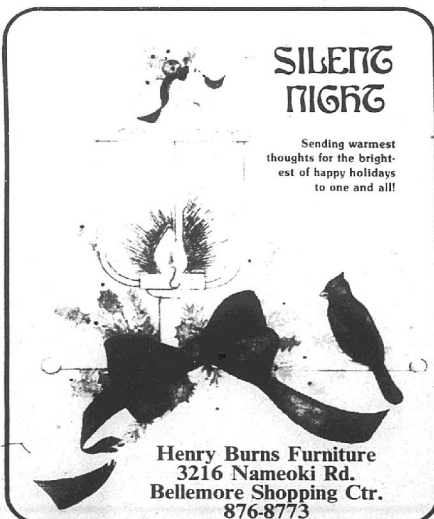
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Campaign extends deadline

The Salvation Army's Tree of Lights campaign has fallen short of its 1995 goal, but officials say they hope to hit the mark with an extended deadline.

The campaign has raised about \$178,000 so far, \$17,000 short of the \$195,000 goal. Despite the shortage, Salvation Army officials and volunteers were able to treat 2,000 needy families to Christmas gifts and food baskets.

"We still hope to hit it," Maj. Gary Van Hoesen said Wednesday. "The campaign will run through the end of the year. We are still receiving donations through the mail, but we are not ringing the bells at the kettles any more."

"We're keeping our fingers crossed for a few big donations to help push us over the edge."

Van Hoesen said the campaign has reached its goal the past two years.

"We keep stretching (the campaign) every year because the operating expenses continue to increase," he said. "Our utilities and insurance costs keep increasing. We have installed new furnaces throughout the buildings and that is saving some money."

"There are a lot of needy people out there and the donations are spread thin."

Van Hoesen said kettle donations fell about \$2,000 short of the goal this year, which he attributed to the weather.

"We had one bad snow day and it really knocked out the kettles," he said. "We had three kettles that day and that was in the late afternoon. All in all, the kettles did real well."

Campaign Chairman Mark Repking said the shortage is a sign of the times.

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Obituaries

Ronald Ussery

Ronald Lee Ussery Sr., 39, of Highland, formerly of Granite City, died at 2:18 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, at his residence. He was born Dec. 5, 1956, in Compton, Calif., and had been a resident of Granite City for many years prior to moving to Highland in 1992.

A graduate of Madison High School, he was a mixing operator for Nutri-Basics for seven years and attended Granite City Foursquare Church.

Survivors include his wife, Dawyne R. (Plemons) Ussery, whom he married Aug. 23, 1981, in Collinsville; three sons, Ronnie L. Jr., Matthew L. and Lucas N. Ussery, all at home; his parents, Tom Gene Ussery and Ella Belle (Blood) Ussery; one brother, Tom Gene Ussery Jr. of Granite City, and one sister, Linda L. Clubb of Madison. Services were Saturday at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral

Home in Highland with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial was in Highland City Cemetery. Memorials to the family of Ronald Ussery, in care of Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home, 1501 Ninth Street, Highland, IL 62249, are suggested.

Elizabeth Mertz

Elizabeth Emma (Kozor) Mertz, 85, of Granite City died at 6:25 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, 1995, in the emergency room at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. She was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A homemaker, she was an associate member of St. John Lutheran Church in Maryville and a member of the Granite City Moose Lodge, American Association of Retired Persons and the Navy Mothers Club, where she had formerly served as commander.

Survivors include one daughter, Joylene Pascoe of Granite City; two brothers, Steve Kozor of Edwardsville and Frank Kozor of Granite City; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George G. Mertz, whom she married May 21, 1933, and who died in April 1978; one son, William G. Mertz; her parents, John and Elizabeth (Dudas) Kozor; one brother; and three sisters.

Services were Saturday at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Jeff Callahan officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

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•William Christman: The whimsical artist updates and expands his show-stopping "Guilt-O-Rama" — the interactive sculpture created especially for First Night. The weird and wonderful "carnival of repentance" received the creative programming award from First Night International. This year Christman promises a "Guilt-O-Rama" with even greater cleansing power. Wacko Beatniks mingle with Madame Mazza, Joe Pollack and the good priest Father O'Toole, who guarantees to alleviate every speck of guilt from your psyche. Go to be ashamed no more! **Guilt-O-Rama, Washington Complex, America's Center, 6 to 11:45 p.m.**

•Dale Dufer: Dale, who designed First Night's "Big Five" last year, assists in the design and execution of Ann Julien's Fire Sculpture. **Fire Sculpture performance space, Convention Center Plaza.**

•Paul Guzzardo: Guzzardo has designed the whimsical Zoological Garden of Mythical Delights for the portico of his building at 1521 Washington. Incorporating the fabulous "Jabberwocky's," Guzzardo has created a visually stunning sculptural terrarium, complete with the premiere of an original composition titled "Prelude to a Living Thing," by Paul Davis and Joe Beckman. You've never seen anything like it — what ever it is. **1521 Washington, 7 to 11 p.m.**

•Anna Julien: Julien returns to First Night with "The Fire Sculpture and Towers" installation which serves as the centerpiece of the 1995 Festival. She also has designed the decor of the Gaslight Square venues including The Darkside and The Crystal Palace as well as major portions of the Fina-lic Extravaganza at Midnight. **Art installation, Flame Sculpture and Towers, Main State and the Interior Design of The Crystal Palace and The Darkside**

•Belinda Lee: Lee has created a massive window collage entitled

"A Portrait of St. Louis." See the personality of St. Louis emerge from a giant map that will cover the front of America's Center. **Art Installation, Window Drawings, 3rd Floor Windows, America's Center**

•Lost Children: Christine Zacharowicz has created "Thy Will," a giant hand sculpture, that waves to create a visual paradox. He uses the childhood forms of toy figures and games to make sense out of a more complicated adult world. **Art Installation, Street Sculpture, "Thy Will," Washington between 8th and 9th Street**

•Andy Miller: An artist who has painted and sculpted scenery for theater and film, Miller's work juxtaposes everyday elements to create a visual paradox. He uses the childhood forms of toy figures and games to make sense out of a more complicated adult world. **Art Installation, Street Sculpture, 2nd floor, Room 200.**

•Opera Theatre of St. Louis: OTSL lends its Athena statue, by sculptor Mark Adling from their production of "Iphigenia in Taurus," for display in the Rotunda of the America's Center.

•Opera Theatre also lends a hand in First Night's sneak preview of the reopening of the Gold Room — the public's first glimpse in 25 years. **Art installations, Athena Statue, Rotunda, America's Center; and Decor and set pieces, The Gold Room, Jefferson Arms Apartment Hotel**

•People of St. Louis: Anything you want to remember about 1995? Anything you want to forget? Write it down on a ribbon (supplied by any of our volunteers or Zanies) and tie it on the Memory Wall. **1st floor/North Wing, St. Louis Centre**

•St. Louis Labyrinth Project: The ancient ritual promises to unlock doors and cure what ails you. Two "New Year's" labyrinths will occupy the parking lot at 8th and Washington.

•Uriel Starbuck: The local artist has created the First Night sculpture, the King Louis IX blue sculpture and the Banana Bike Brigade. He is the creative director of St. Louis Renaissance, a collaboration of artists working to awaken the creative energy of children and neighborhoods. **Art Installation, Bike Sculptures, Hall #1, America's Center.**

•Zambelli International — Fireworks Display: Zambelli has designed a fabulous and intense fireworks display. The explosive event will appear over the roof of America's Center as part of the Midnight celebration.

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More than 60 adults over the age of 60 volunteer as literacy tutors for Project Read throughout the college district.

Tutors work one-on-one with adult students age 16 or older to help them improve their reading, writing and math skills, said Francine Lafferty, BAC Project Read coordinator.

The tutoring program requires about two hours per week of the volunteer's time. Tutoring is conducted in public locations such as schools and libraries.

Additional tutors are needed in all areas of the college district, especially during the day-time. Free tutor training workshops are held throughout the year to help tutors teach their students more effectively, Lafferty said.

Area volunteers over the age of 60 who have helped to make Project Read a success include:

Granite City volunteers: Mary Ahlers, Louise Anderson, Marian Avedisian, Charlene Boyd, Mildred Clements, Mary Earls, Delton Grothius, Carleen Lee, Dorothy Renaud, Rosemary Rudy, Donald Seitzer, Lena Seitzer, Isabella Southwick, Millie Stonum, and Helen Stumpe. For more information, call 235-2700.

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Place clay pot upside down on top of floral foam. Center the pot on the foam and press down to make an imprint. Using a butter knife, cut foam into a cone shape to fit snugly into the clay pot. Foam should be level with top of the pot.

Step 2

Potted Roses: Take dried roses out of the package and cut all of the stems to 12" lengths. Starting in the center of the pot, push one rose stem down into the

foam about 2 inches. Repeat with remaining roses, placing the roses close together. Fill the whole pot with the rose stems to within one-fourth inch of the edge of the foam.

Step 3

Take strips of Spanish moss, about 6" long and 2" thick, and place them on top of the exposed quarter-inch of floral foam. Push moss tight against the rose stems. Press floral pins through the moss, into the foam (1" apart) to hold moss securely. Repeat this all the way around the pot, then fluff moss to cover up the pins. Using a pencil, push small amounts of Spanish moss between and at the base of the rose stems to hide any visible foam.

Step 4

Trim away loose clumps of moss that hang over the edge of the pot. Using wire-edged ribbon, tie a two-loop bow around the lower half of the rose stems. To make the other bouquets, follow the steps for potted roses, but cut the other dried materials as follows:

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Art Voellinger

Senior Tour on upswing

Within days of this corner saluting Southwestern Illinois high school golfers for outstanding achievements worthy of earning Story of the Year, the Senior PGA Tour announced a \$1.2 million event for the Boone Valley Golf Club in St. Charles (Mo.) County.

Scheduled for Sept. 8-9 in 1996, the 54-hole, no-cut event sponsored by Enterprise Rent-A-Car will feature 78 players and a championship prize of \$180,000.

EXPECTED TO MAKE A \$3 million impact on the St. Louis area, the tourney was hyped by Senior veterans Bob Goalby of Belleville and Hale Irwin of St. Louis at a press conference when Boone Valley was announced as having a three-year contract with the Senior PGA Tour.

My hope for impact, though, would be if Goalby could mark his 40th year as a professional golfer with a rousing Boone Valley appearance. A member of the Advisory Council that first met on Jan. 16, 1980, to make plans for the Senior Tour, Goalby remains active on the Senior PGA Division Board.

At the Boone Valley Classic press conference, Goalby indicated that '96 might be his last year of tour play, especially after a '95 senior season in which he entered 14 events, made the cut seven times and finished out of the Top 10 Super Seniors for the first time in three years.

Bob earned \$17,700 in the scoring of players over age 60 and had \$3,855 in regular Senior earnings to bring his Senior career total to \$696,407. For 29 rounds, he had a scoring average of 78.12 with 39 birdies. All that could change if recent surgery to his left shoulder is successful.

ALSO INTERESTING is Goalby's Senior career winnings of \$896,407, which surpasses his PGA Tour total of \$645,013. The latter resulted from such things as the 1968 Masters championship and a total of 11 Tour titles, but the Senior money reflects a phenomenal rise in purses since Goalby turned pro in 1956.

The Senior Tour's impact is so strong a player like Tom Wargo of Centerville went from club pro to money leader and now enters his fourth Senior season with nearly \$2.5 million in earnings.

At age 53, Wargo earned \$844,687 in '95 with 14 Top 10 finishes, including one title and two second places. His scoring average for 99 rounds was 70.78 with 348 birdies and eight eagles.

If Wargo could soar to national recognition, what does the Senior Tour hold for Frank Conner, another Belleville product, now residing in San Antonio, Texas? Conner turns 50 on Jan. 11.

A VERSATILE athlete and only one of two people ever to play in both the U.S. Open tournaments of tennis and golf, Conner has career earnings of \$224,838 and has won Nike Tour events when not competing on the regular PGA Tour.

His stroke average for 82 Nike rounds was 71.37 in '95 with 281 birdies and three eagles.

If Frank explodes onto the Senior scene, one only wonders how Jay Haas, who turned 42 on Dec. 2, will do in the 50-and-over circuit in eight years. Like Wargo, Uncle Bob Goalby, Jay has maintained a most competitive PGA attitude that has led to \$5.4 million in career earnings.

In '95 the Greenville, S.C., resident earned \$822,259 while finishing in the Top 10 11 times and the Top 25 14 times—including a second place finish and two third places. His statistics include a 70.50 scoring average with 303 birdies and 12 eagles for 84 rounds.

Jay's brother Jerry earned \$78,769 on the PGA Tour in '95 with a tie for 18th at the June 25 Greater Greensboro Open, bringing his best payday at \$15,120. For 82 rounds, Jerry had a 71.49 scoring average with 263 birdies and five eagles.

Warriors pin down 3rd straight title

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It wasn't another record-setting performance, but the host Granite City Warriors managed to survive the tough competition to win their third consecutive Granite City Holiday Wrestling Tournament on Thursday at Memorial Gymnasium.

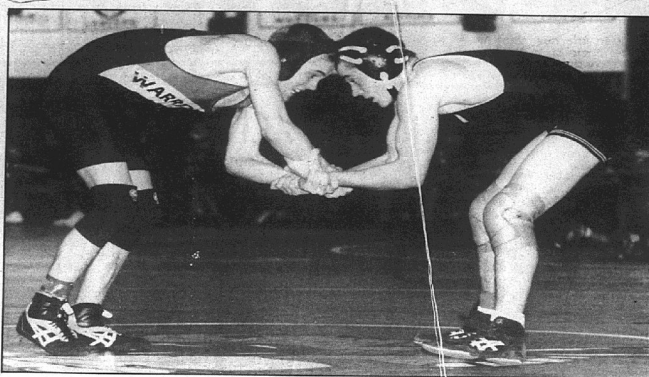
Granite City placed 10 of its 13 wrestlers in the finals on the way to 215 team points—much less than its record-setting performance last year but still 33 points ahead of second-place Civic Memorial.

THE WARRIORS finished with two champions, five runners-up, one third-place finisher, one fourth-place finisher and one fifth-place finisher.

Civic Memorial, which finished with 182 points, had one champion, two runners-up and three others who finished third.

Oakville was the top Missouri team, placing an impressive third at the event with 191.5 points. The Tigers finished with one champion, two third-place finishers and one fourth-place finisher.

Rounding out the pack were fourth-place McCluer North (149.5), followed by O'Fallon (128), Mt. Zion (120.5), Belleville East (114), Hazelwood Central (89.5), Belleville West (85.5), Triad (85), Carbondale (82.5), Howell North (80), Roxana (77), Thomas Worthington



Granite City wrestler Jonas Janek (left) locks up with Jim Crutchfield of Francis Howell North during their 135-pound match Wednesday. Janek placed fourth in the Granite City Holiday Tournament.

(63.5), East St. Louis Lincoln (48), Chicago Mather (31) and Cahokia (28.5).

MCCLUER NORTH made its run late, as the Stars were the only team with four champions. Mike Stanfield won the

125-pound title, and Myron Gleghorn was tops at 135 pounds.

Andre Whitted won the 152-pound championship, while teammate Curtis Morris was first in the 189-pound class.

Granite City and O'Fallon each finished with two champions. The Warriors were led by Jeff Estrada at 145 pounds and Chris Janek at 275 pounds.

Granite City coach Mike Garland was happy with the way things turned out, especially with the high level of



Jeff Estrada Chris Janek competition present.

"We try to make this tournament as tough as we can, that's why we keep adding good teams," Garland said. "We want to make this like a midseason sectional, to see where we are and what we need to work on."

"BUT WE WRESTLED" well only two rounds out of three each day. We did well in the first two rounds (Wednesday), only to struggle in the evening session, and it was the same way (Thursday).

Garland said he is worried about his team's lack of killer instinct.

"It was the same way at Geneseo (Tournament) last year," he said. "We had the lead on (Chicago) Mt. Carmel and let it slip away. At this tournament, we'd wrestle well for a while, then slip back. I'm concerned about the lack of a knockout punch."

Garland was most pleased with his group of wrestlers who are short on experience.

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Oakville, Civic Memorial lead chase behind GCHS

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

It was apparent after the third session of the Granite City Holiday Tournament on Thursday that the host Warriors were still the team to beat.

With nine of their 13 wrestlers in the finals Thursday night, the Warriors were on their way to winning the team title at the 35th annual event.

BUT THURSDAY'S early action was highlighted by the strong performances of Civic Memorial and Oakville.

In an unaccustomed spot—third place after Wednesday's action, the Eagles turned up the heat and moved back to the second position entering the final round Thursday night.

Led by the strong efforts of Steve Bryant (103), Mike Bradley (112), Jason Walker (135) and Jason Christeson

(171), the Eagles placed four wrestlers in the finals Thursday night.

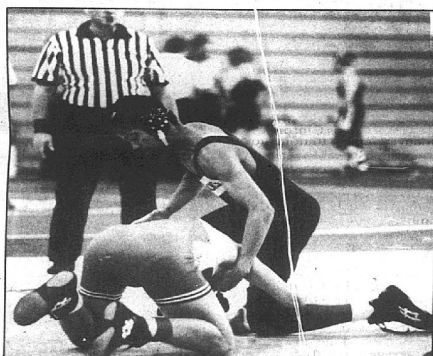
Ryan Volles (119) and Travis Zimmerman (182) made it into the final round and were to wrestle for fifth place.

"I GUESS WE are used to our share of success at this tournament, but I can't remember a more competitive field," said CM coach Steve Bradley. "Considering the injuries we've had to some of our key wrestlers, we're thrilled to be where we're at."

But the strongest move of the day came by Oakville, the only team other than Granite City to win the tournament over the last four years.

The Tigers were led early Thursday by Dan Lilledahl (103), Chad Smith (112), Brett Leiberoff (125), Dan Harris (140) and Marvin Cotton (160), who all advanced to Thursday.

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Granite City's Myke Glover (right) tangles with Bryan Cravens of Mt. Zion during a match at GCHS.

Caviness key to SLU's early turnaround

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

When fans pass through the history of St. Louis University women's basketball a few years from now, they may look at 1995-96 as the year the Lady Lilikens turned a major corner.

And if the early signs are any indication, they may also look to Granite City's Jamie Caviness as the cornerstone of that turnaround.

THE LADY LILIKENS started off hot at 2-1, but had fallen on hard times before the Christmas break. Although they stand at 2-7 entering the conference schedule, it has been a long time since St. Louis U. had a post player like Caviness, a 1994 graduate of GCHS.

"Jamie has been our most consistent scorer and rebounder so far this season," said first-year SLU coach Jill Pizzotti. "She's so skilled offensively at the low point for us. She's got good point moves, but what we really like is her aggressiveness."

After suffering from mononucleosis last season, Caviness was red-shirted her first year. Now a second-year freshman, she has started every game and is averaging 16.3 points and 11.0 rebounds per contest.

She has accumulated five double-doubles, and is currently in the top 20 in rebounding in the nation.

"I've even surprised myself," admitted Caviness. "I didn't think I'd do this well. Things are going so great, and I'm having a lot of fun. As a team, we started off very well, but we kind of stalled a little. We had a little break around Christmas, and now we're starting the second half of the year, and it will probably be tougher than the first half."

"COACH PIZZOTTI has been a huge difference for me. She really stresses the post play and that's put me right in the middle of our offense. With her, I think we'll keep improving."

"Jamie will discover that the players will match up a little better against her in the conference," Pizzotti said. "But as long as she keeps working and stays aggressive, I think she'll do fine. She is a very talented player."

Another part of the turnaround is the support the women's team is getting from the school administrators. In the

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Trojans stun top-seeded Generals

By Brian Bretsch
Staff writer

Tiny Madison High recorded a huge upset Thursday during the opening day of play at the Collinsville-Schnucks Holiday Classic.

Madison, with an enrollment of 209 students, eked out a 51-45 victory over top-seeded Decatur MacArthur. The Generals have an enrollment of 1,150.

"IT IS ALWAYS a great pleasure to knock off the No. 1 seed," Madison coach Al Collins said. "I felt we could do it. Our kids stayed together. They played like a team because we don't have any superstars. We just have a bunch of good kids who go out there and work hard."

The Trojans' feisty defense and strong rebounding down the stretch proved too much for the Generals.

Madison struggled from the foul line, twice missing the front end of the bonus in the final 90 seconds. But it was the Trojans' athleticism on the boards and quickness at guarding inbound passes that kept the ball out of the Generals' hands.

Madison made 12 of 24 free throws in the game and seven of 16 in the final quarter.

"OUR FREE THROW shooting was horrendous," Collins said. "Our free throw shooting just wasn't working out."

Sophomore Maurice Baker led the Trojans in their upset victory with 16 points, including four big free throws in the

final two minutes. Jerrind Howard chipped in with 12.

MacArthur (7-3) played without big men Cortez Bonds and Byron Owens, who were both serving one-game suspensions.

The two got into an argument after a loss to Bloomington before the Christmas break.

The Trojans advanced to play Quincy on Friday in the tournament quarterfinals. Collins said the win will help build his team's growing confidence.

"I really expect us to be challengers in (Class) A," Collins said. "I really expect us to go to state. I really do because when I get my big boy back who has been out all year—Alvin Valentine, the 6-foot-6 kid—and Demore Simms, my outside shooter who is injured, we won't be short-handed anymore."



Madison sophomore Maurice Baker had a team-high 16 points in Thursday's win over Decatur MacArthur.

Devils upend Wildcats in Columbia tourney

By Brian L. Jones
Correspondent

Venice basketball coach Clinton Harris is beginning to discover a future low-post enforcer in maturing freshman Charles Cotton.

The 6-4 reserve center played the best game of his career to date Wednesday when he led the Red Devils to a wild 97-46 win over upstart Lovejoy in the quarterfinals of the Columbia-Freeburg Holiday Tournament. Lovejoy entered the game only 3-6, but was coming off a huge 61-51 upset win Tuesday over second-seeded Waterloo Gibraltar—a five-time tournament champion between 1987 and 1993 and runner-up last year.

THE UNSEEDRED RED DEVILS (4-4), who last year lost their opening tourna-

ment game, advanced to play Lebanon in the semifinals Thursday. The Devils fell 75-64 to the Greyhounds and moved on to face Freeburg in the third place game Friday.

Against Lovejoy, Cotton performed well ahead of his age by rising to his best moments during crunch time in the fourth quarter. Cotton scored eight of his career-high 11 points in the final 4:40, had three of his four blocked shots in the closing 3:19, and finished with six rebounds and two steals.

"He came off the bench and helped us out big time because of the foul trouble we had," Venice coach Clinton Harris said. Cotton, who also had team highs of five blocks and 10 rebounds Tuesday in the Devils' 67-48 first-round victory over seventh-seeded Red Bud. Ironically, Red Bud also went on to defeat Gibraltar in

overtime Wednesday (48-46) in the consolation quarterfinals.

"I think the most Charles ever scored on the varsity level before this game was six points (twice against Freeburg and Springfield Calvary)," Harris said. "He was aggressive, he wanted the ball when the game was close, and he wasn't afraid to take on Lovejoy's best inside players."

COTTON ALSO PLAYED a smart game by drawing only one foul (with just 52 seconds left), despite playing most of the game as a replacement for starting senior center Donald Harris. Harris picked up his third foul before the end of the first quarter, sat out much of the second and third periods, and recorded his fourth foul with 3:23 left to play. Harris still managed to grab 15 rebounds, but went score-

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•Warriors

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but long on desire. As is the case in a large tournament, what set the Warriors apart from the rest of the field was their depth.

"It's just amazing what some of these kids did without much varsity time," Garland said. "You look at a kid like Jason Wilson (second at 152 pounds) or like Newman (second at 171). And Jonas (Janek) finished fourth. We just hoped they would pick up some points, and they're wrestling for the title."

"It's just a tremendous effort by them. Plus, John Venne (second at 160) was very tough, and Bobby Chaussett (third at 119) did a good

job of wrestling back. There's a lot of positives that came out of this."

Two Warriors matches in the finals were especially thrilling. Estrada manhandled Jerry Campbell of Howell North, winning by technical fall (17-2). Only one time did Estrada get into trouble, and he used an amazing back-flip escape move to get out of Campbell's grasp that had the crowd buzzing for several minutes.

Venne went up against a familiar rival, C.J. Fernandes of Belleville East. The two struggled through a classic match, with the two tied at 2 after the second period.

Going for the takedown that could have given him the win, Venne gave Fernandes a pair

of escape points in the third period. Venne had Fernandes halfway to the mat when the final buzzer sounded, just missing his championship.

"This is certainly nothing to panic about," Garland said. "The beauty of wrestling is you can always practice and improve."

And as far as leading GCHS to its third straight title, Garland was modest in victory.

"The only other one here who did that was 'Smitty' (Red Schmitt), so I guess that's pretty good company — not that I'll ever be in his class."

"Sometimes it's easiest to lose and learn, but it's better if you can win and learn, and hopefully that's what we'll do from here."

•Tourney - •Cavaness

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night's final rounds. "I thought we had the talent to challenge for second or third, but you never know until you get here and wrestle," said Oakville coach Rocky Streb. "The team standings can be misleading after one day. Really, today is when you find out what your team is made of. We're happy."

The Warriors, of course, had the most wrestlers in the final round with nine. John Kelly (112), Jeff Estrada (145), Jason Wilson (152) and Chris Janek (275) were all unbeaten after the third session.

Bobby Chaussett (119) wrestled his way back into contention after dropping a third-round match and was competing for fifth place. Jonas Janek (135) escaped elimination in the last wrestlingback and was to challenge for third place.

Seven other Warriors advanced to the championship finals: Kelly, Kevin Feigenbutz (160), Estrada, Wilson, John Venne (160), Ike Newman (171) and Chris Janek.

The Warriors led the team standings after the third session with 200.5 points, ahead of CM's 167 and Oakville's 142.5. "This tournament is about teams, but mostly it's about individuals," I think," said Streb. "Few of us are as deep as Granite City. But we needed a hard look at our wrestlers on an individual basis."

"We don't run up against this kind of competition too often. This is like a district or regional meet in the middle of the season. I love it."

past, there was little support. But with the help of new athletic director Doug Woolard, Pizzotti said she couldn't ask for more.

"(SLU) had a bad reputation, and that's hurt in recruiting," she said. "But that's all changed now, and I think we've turned the corner."

Pizzotti has a young team to work with, as she normally starts just one senior with two sophomores and two freshmen.

So she's looking for leaders. Of course, Cavaness will gladly step up into that role.

"I think I need to be a leader on this team," she said. "I need to keep everyone else going and doing their best."

"She has a fire in her I wish all of our women had," Pizzotti said. "She's a natural leader."

"I really wasn't that aggressive in high school. But I learned to play that way playing AAU ball," Cavaness said. "And I've been lifting weights, hoping to get stronger. Other than that, defense is what I need to work on."

"Jamie is very quick," Pizzotti said. "The only thing we could ask is that she get stronger and be able to go to the power moves more often. She has the finesse part down."

"The college game is so much quicker than high school," Cavaness said. "You really have to be mentally and physically ready."

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score was tied 27-27 at half-time and Venice led 39-38 after three quarters before the active crowd really started to enjoy the fun.

The Red Devils led only 43-41 before Cotton scored back-to-back baskets on a follow-up layup and then a 40-foot jumper to complete a 4-1 run for a 47-42 Venice lead by 4:05. After Lovejoy got a basket from guard Britt Butler, Cotton hit two free throws at the 3:38 mark to regain a five-point lead at 49-44. Cotton was sent to the line after a critical fifth foul against Lovejoy's 6-2 senior D'Anthony Young, who departed then with only 10 points, about nine below his season average.

Overall, foul problems were troublesome down the stretch for Lovejoy, which had 6-3 center Julius Warren collect No. 4 with 5:23 left before fouling out at the 40-second mark. Lovejoy also scored only two field goals on 13 shots in the fourth quarter, after some hot first-half

shooting.

"We changed our defense around in the second half and went to the 2-3 zone," Harris said. "They started shooting the long jumper and we were limiting them to one shot. We were screening out and getting the rebound, so I'd say the defense won it for us in the second half."

Cotton, in particular, had a strong outing against Lovejoy's 6-foot senior Britt Butler, who averages 21.3 points per game but was held to only 10 by Venice. After Butler hit two free throws with 3:19 left to cut the Venice lead to 49-46, the Wildcats never again scored on their final eight non-free throw possessions (six shots and two turnovers).

Cotton fiercely swatted down a Butler shot in the lane at 2:35, which led to a fast-break basket by Venice guard James Buckles, padding the lead to 51-46. On the next possession, Cotton skied in the lane for another block attempt and

intimidated Butler into throwing up a wild, off-balanced miss. He later added two more blocks.

"This is a big win for us, because you can't take anyone lightly, especially a rivalry team like Lovejoy," Harris said. "They're a much better team with (Eric) Chapman with them now."

Chapman joined the Wildcats' roster for the tournament after transferring in at mid-semester from Alhough High. The lightning-quick, 5-6 senior guard had seven points and six steals off the bench in the Gibault victory and scored a team-high 14 points and two 3-pointers in his first start against Venice.

Venice got 20 points and three 3-pointers from Buckles and seven points, five steals, five rebounds and four assists from senior point guard Kevin Roberts, who seems to have fully recovered from a recent sprained ankle.

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Horoscope

Sunday, Dec. 31
Remarkable ideas — quite useful ones — pop into our heads when Mercury and Uranus meet in Capricorn. Sudden changes of the wind's direction, both in the air and in conversations, are likely. Long-distance calls are more common than usual — and stubborn folks change their minds for the heck of it. Appliances at home take on gremlin-like lives of their own, so take care.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
A friend tips you off about amazing news. If you said you'd be there tonight, they'll be counting on you. Getting closer with co-workers during the holidays may have brought a new admirer to your circle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Family responsibilities hold unexpected elements. New friendships include some political or powerful types. Support an older person in a controversial endeavor. Enjoy planning your career — greater things are ahead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
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dress for success tonight. New acquaintances are special during the next few weeks.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
An issue from the past pops up without warning. Special love vibes quiver in evening hours — one who has been on-and-off suddenly commits one way or the other. Is it you? Next week, it's easy to spend too much.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today's the last day to sleep late before the rush begins. Expectations of others are high, but you enjoy being the responsible one. Next week, you are first in line despite the crowd.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 31)
Your career picture calls

for fancy footwork — you'll design a whole new plan in January.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A lovely party or family gathering is made more so by your charming efficiency. A close relationship with a sibling or cousin is renewed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A child's first love calls for special handling. Practical experience qualifies you to be the organizer, but creative imagination turns you into the star of an event. Romance may begin at a party in your home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Lots of visits and running around during the day lead you to a heart-to-heart with a woman friend who brings

understanding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Humor is the hallmark of parties — informal and spontaneous fun is favored. Next week, new ways of communicating can bring you a profit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Your mate has made the plans, and you may not feel like following the program.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Those who are usually dependable flake out — those who are usually flaky pitch in and save the day. Observe, and enjoy.

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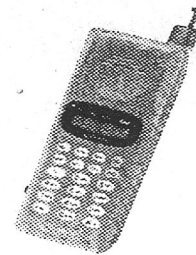
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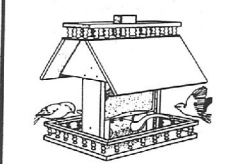
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